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SUBJECT: HAITIAN LOBSTER FISHERY

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1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S DETAILED REPORT IN REF AIRGRAM. NMFS UNDERSTANDS THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING HAITIAN DATA AND WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SPEED OF THE EMBASSY'S REPLY. NMFS IS NOW PREPARING THE REPORT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AND FOR FUTURE PUBLICATION WITH REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AS A FOREIGN FISHERIES LEAFLET.

2. ACCORDING TO NMFS MARINE BIOLOGISTS, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES OF HOMARUS AMERICANUS ARE CAUGHT OFF HAITI. H. AMERICANUS IS CAUGHT ONLY IN COLDER WATERS OFF MASSACHUSETTS, MAINE, AND CANADA. H. AMERICANUS IS EASILY DISTINGUISHED FROM SPINY LOBSTER SPECIES BY ITS LARGE PINCHER CLAWS, WHICH SPINY LOBSTERS

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LACK. NMFS REPORTS INDICATE THAT CARIBBEAN LOBSTER

CATCHES ARE COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF PANULIRUS ARGUS.
HOWEVER, FROM 10 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE CARIBBEAN CATCH
IS P. LAEVICAUDA. COULD EMBASSY CHECK SPECIES COMPOSITION

DATA IN TABLE 1 OF REF AIRGRAM AND DETERMINE WHAT
SPECIES WAS INACCURATELY IDENTIFIED AS H. AMERICANUS BY
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